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OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Hillabee Baptist Association,

OF THE

PRIMITIVE FAITH AND ORDER,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT MT. PLEASANT, COOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA,

September 30th, October 1st and 2nd, 1876.

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MONDAY, 9 o'clock., A. M.

10th. The body met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder T. N. Lipham. Called for the Report of the Committee appointed to arrange business to come before the body. The Committee made a report, which was read and received.

11th. According to the report of the Committee, the roll was called, and the Decorum read. Invited visiting brethren in the ministry, and corresponding brethren to seats with us.

12th. Called for the Corresponding Letter prepared by brother T. N. Parker, which was read and received.

13th. Appointed Union meetings for the different Districts, as follows, to-wit: First District, Bethlehem, 5th Sunday in April: Second District, Providence Church, Clay county, Ala., 5th Sunday in July; Third District, Smyrna, 3d Sunday in August.

14th. Renewed the call for correspondents from sister Associations. (The names of all the correspondents are contained in the 24th item of these minutes.)

15th. Called for the Report of the Committee to examine corresponding minutes. The committee reported nothing found demanding the attention of the body.

16th. Returned correspondence to our sister Associations with whom we correspond, as follows: To the Beulah, Elders A. K. Treble, R. W. Carlisle, J. J. Suttles, and brethren A. W. Carter, J. W. Carlisle, James Cogwell, F. M. Nelson, T. D. Dendy, J. J. Welch. To the Wetumpka, C. Cotton, F. M. Nelson, J. R. Upshur, J. A. Buchanan, S. Peters, J. A. Suttles, J. Jones, M. B. Garrett, J. J. Cleaveland, R. W. Carlisle, J. W. Liveoak, S. Russell, E. W. Parker. To Cane Creek, M. B. Garrett, S. Russell, D. H. Carpenter.

17th. Called for, and took up the Queery, from the church at Pleasant Hill, which reads as follows: "Is it Primitive Baptist usage, for a Minister to receive members and baptize them, without being authorized by the church, without a committee appointed for that purpose?" We answer—It is not.

18th. Appointed the next session of this body to be held with the church at Macedonia two and a half miles east of Ashland, Clay county, Alabama, commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1877.

19th. Called for contributions from the churches, and received $21.50.

20th. Agreed to have six hundred copies of these minutes printed for distribution among the churches, and for corresponding purposes—the clerk to superintend the printing and distributing the same, and receive what funds are on hand for his services.

21st. Called for Miscellaneous Business. There being no business, read the minutes and repared to the stand. After prayer by R. W. Carlisle, the body adjourned, to meet at the time and place before mentioned.

R. W. CARLISLE, Moderator.

H. G. HARRIS, Clerk.

The Ministers and Delegates of the Association return thanks to the people and brethren about Mt. Pleasant for their kindness during the meeting, especially the ladies, who were very kind and attentive, and we hope the meeting may prove a blessing to them all, and be for the glory of God.—CLERK.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Hillabee Association, to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth greeting: DEAR BRETHREN—The Lord in His infinite goodness, has permitted us to hold another session of our body. The business has been conducted harmoniously. The churches have all been represented. The correspondence has not been as full as we desire. Dear Brethren, we solicit a continuation of your correspondence. The Brethren who occupied the stand from day to day, seemed to preach with the spirit and with power, and we hope to good effect. The next session of this body will be held with Macedonia church, Clay county, 2½ miles North-east of Ashland—commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1877, when we hope to meet a goodly number of corresponding brethren from our sister Associations.

H. G. HARRIS, Clerk. R. W. CARLISLE, Moderator.

21st. During the meeting of the Association, the stand was occupied according to the arrangement of the committee, by the following named Ministers, who preached with the spirit, to large and attentive audiences: Saturday morning, M. B. Garrett; evening, T. N. Liphaus, followed by J. S. Baxley; Sunday morning, B. Jowers, followed by B. Stephens; evening, J. M. Dikes, followed by T. N. Lipham; Monday morning, B. Stephens, followed by J. S. Baxley; evening, J. M. Dikes, followed by T. N. Lipham.

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

ARTICLE I. We believe in the one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

ARTICLE II. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. III. We believe that God elected or chosen his people in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

ART IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.

ART. V. We believe that sinners are justified in sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

ART. VI. We believe that God's elect shall be called effectually regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away

ART. VII. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and the true mode of baptism is immersion.

ART. VIII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. IX. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by presbytery and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

ARTICLE X We believe that God has ordained good works that his children should walk in them, and that good works are only such as God hath commanded in his Word, and not such as without the warrant thereof are devised by men out of blind zeal or upon any pretence of good intentions.

ARTICLE XI. We believe that washing the Saints' feet was ordained by Christ to be done by his children in a church capacity until his second coming.

MINUTES.

1st. Introductory Sermon preached by Elder M. B. Garrett, from first John, 3d chapt. first clause of first verse: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God"

2nd. After one hour intermission, the messengers from the different Churches assembled in the house. Prayer by Eld J. M. Dikes.

3rd. Called for and read the Letters from the different Churches, and minuted their condition, [See Table.]

4th. Elected R. W. CARLISLE, Moderator, and H. G. HARRIS, Clerk.

5th. Invited visiting brethren in the Ministry, and corresponding brethren to seats.

6th. Called for petitioning Churches. Read letter from Bethany petitioning for membership, and received her, by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to her delegates.

7th, Appointed Committees. as follows, to-wit: 1st. On Preaching, brethren T. C. Thomas, E. Galloway, J. W. Carlisle, together with the Delegates of this Church. 2nd. To arrange business to come before the body: Brethren John Upshur, S. Russell, J. Suttles. 3d, To examine Corresponding Minutes: Brethren M. W. Ray, M. B. Garrett, A. K. Treble.

8th. To write Corresponding Letter: brother C. W. Parker.

9th Called for Correspondence from sister Associations, and received from the Beulah, brother J. S. Baxley with minutes: from the Wetumpka, Elders E. B. Stephens, B. Jowers, J. M. Dikes, and brethren A. J. Collins and James Baxley, with letters and minutes; from the Cane Creek, Elder T. N. Lipham and brothers J. Taylor and J. M. Bell, with letters and minutes. Adjourned until Monday morning, October 2nd, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder W. M. McClendon.

Dist	Churches	Counties	Post Offices,	Pastors	Baptised	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd on C'n of F'th	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total No.	Money for Minutes	Sabbath Meeting
1st.	Ebenezar	Tallapoosa	Dadeville	John Lamberth	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	26	$150	2nd
"	Ephesus	"	New Site	J. J. Cleaveland	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	35	200	2nd
"	Fellowship	"	AlexanderC'y	J. L. Lamberth	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	32	300	4th
"	Bethlehem	"	New Site	A. K. Treble	0	2	0	0	14	1	2	54	150	4th
"	Valley Grove	"	Cowpens	J. J. Cleaveland	5	1	0	0	1	0	1	21	100	1st.
2nd	Providence	Clay	Miller Valley	J. T. Pace	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	16	100	3rd
"	Mt. Zion	"	Ashland	M. B. Garrett	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	43	100	1st
"	Macedonia	"	Lineville	G. B. Knight	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	34	150	2nd
"	Bethany	"	New Site	A. K. Treble	15	0	1	0	1	0	0	21	100	3rd
3rd	Smyrna	Coosa	Goodwater	R. W. Carlisle	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	45	250	3rd
"	Mt. Pleasant	"	Mount Olive	R. W. Carlisle	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	29	150	2nd
"	Pleasant Hill	"	Sylacauga	J. M. Dikes	2	0	0	0	4	0	1	21	150	2nd
"	Antioch	Taladega	Fayetteville	R. W. Carlisle	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	21	100	1st
"	Shiloah	Clay	Calleta	M. B. Garrett	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	25	150	4th
				Recapitulation,	26	17	2	1	36	6	7	423	21,50	

NAMES OF DELEGATES,—Ordained Ministers*. Licentiates‡.

Ebenezar; T. C. Thomas, R. Y. Williamson, J. M. Mason. Ephesus; J. J. Welch, S. R. Jackson, B. F. Parish.* Fellowship; J. J. Cleaveland,* James Carlisle, T. D. Dendy. Bethlehem; A. K. Treble*, A. N. McGee. Valley Grove; J. W. Pepper,‡ F. M. Nelson, W. J. Lasseter. Providence; George Strather, J. P. Eubanks. Mt. Zion, M. W. Ray, J. W. *Meggs*, John Thomas. Macedonia; D. H. Carpenter, E. B. Phillips. Bethany; James Cardwell, H. J. Lacy, C. T. Morris. Smyrna; E. F. McCord, S. A. A. McWherter, A. C. House. Mt. Pleasant; R. W. Carlisle,* J. A. Suttle,‡ C. Cotton. Pleasant Hill; J. A. Blackman,‡ S. C. Peters,‡ J. W. Liveoaks. Antioch; C. W. Parker, J. R. Upshur. Shiloah; M. B. Garrett,* S. Russell, H. G. Harris.

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